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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SPECIES ELECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 13, 2008, Applicants elect Group 1 (claims 1-8, 21-29, and 32-35), drawn to a method for introducing a compound into a gram negative bacterial cell. Applicants reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in a continuing application.

In addition, in response to the requirement to elect a single species, Applicants elect the species "peptide." The claims readable on the elected species include all the elected claims (i.e., claims 1-8, 21-29, and 32-35).

The Examiner asserted at page 3 of the Restriction Requirement that none of the claims are generic. Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that all elected claims (i.e., claims 1-8, 21-29 and 32-35) are generic. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

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